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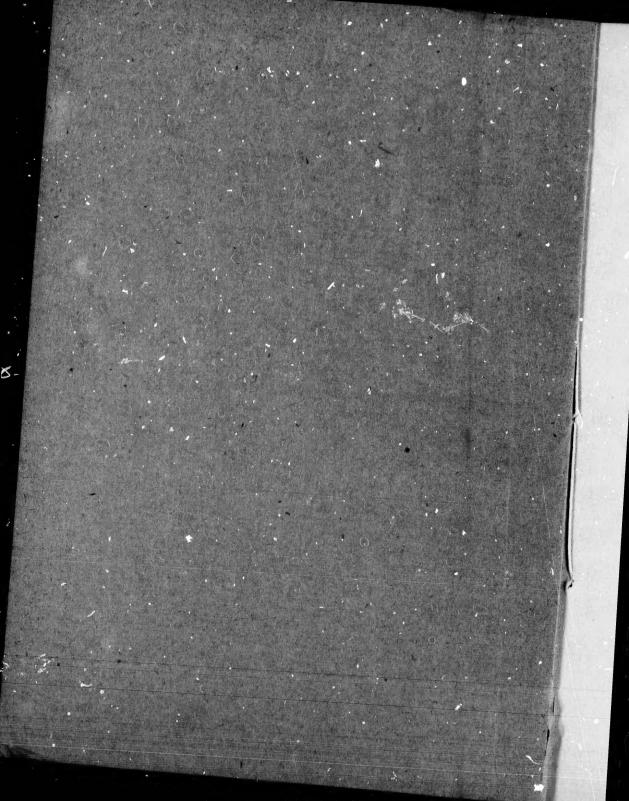
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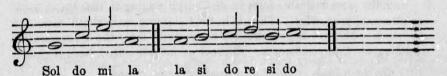
Some additions of Chants and some few alterations have been made in this edition.

The punctuation has been wholly altered and simplified. See N.B. p. 4. The ordinary stops will only be retained at the end of the Cadences, viz. the colon, indicating the division of the verse, and the stop (period, semi-colon or comma,) at the end of the verse, indicating its separation from, or connexion with, the verse which follows.

A FEW PLAIN RULES AND HINTS.

N.B.—Let the Singers or Choir always solicit the presence of the Clergyman at the Practice, even if he be not gifted with musical ability.

- 1. In all singing, let the music always give way to the meaning.
- 2. Attend to the punctuation of chants. See N.B., p. 4.
- 3. First, learn the music thoroughly. It is a good plan for all the singers to sing over each part together, first the air, then the bass, then the alto and tenor.
 - 4. In learning a chant, use the following method:
 First, sol-fa it, to get the intervals correctly; thus,



- 5. When the music is known, sing it first loudly, then softly, then sing it with increase and diminution at the discretion of the leader.
- 6. In chanting, the time depends very much on the sense: Bars (which are often introduced into modern editions of chants) produce a musical accent or emphasis which ought to be avoided.
- 7. Next, read the passage to be (sung or) chanted, all together, (under the special direction of the Clergyman,) with close attention to the meaning and spirit of the passage, until the voices become one voice.
- 8. Then you will be able to sing or chant both correctly and with good effect.

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- 9. In practising, form a semi-circle, single or double, facing the conductor, thus: 1, the trebles. 2, the altos. 3, the tenors. 4, the basses.
- 10. Be careful to keep the lungs well filled. Take your breath frequently, but never audibly. In executing a lengthy passage which has no stops, let the singers take breath together, on some agreed emphatic word, but not audibly; and never in the middle of a word.
- 11. Avoid pausing at the end of the chant, unless the sense require it. Where there is a small stop between two verses, be very careful on this point. e. g.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared, &c.

12. Where there is but one syllable on the reciting note, make the note short. e. g.

Ac - cording to thy word. World - without end. The - Father everlasting.

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13. If the Choir be strong enough, and especially where the Congregation sing, the most desirable form in all Church singing is, that they should sing alternately by sides. Then D in the following manual will mean the side which is on the Clergyman's left hand, as he faces the Congregation in reading the Commandments. C those on his left. D.C. both together.

D.C. are the initials of two Latin words Decani, Cantoris.

14. If the Choir be not divided into sides, the verses marked D.C. should be sing fully and decidedly.

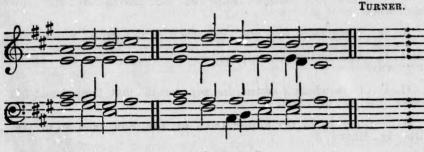
In commencing the use of this manual, sing the Chants for the first week three or four Sundays consecutively, till they are quiet familiar. Then sing those for the second week. Then use these two on alternate Sundays. Then sing those of the third week. Then sing the threein turn; and so with the fourth.

N.B.—Wherever you see the acute accent', take breath. Wherever you see the grape', take it secretly.

MORNING PRAYER.

First arrangement: - First Sunday in the month.

VENITE.



(Invitation.)

- 1. D.C. O come let us sing un-. to . the . Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the . strength . of . our . sal-. vation.
- 2. D. Let us come before his presence. with thanks giving: and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

(Reason of the Invitation.)

- 3. C. For the Lord is a . great . God: and a great . King . a . bove . all . gods.
- 4. D. In his hand are all the corners. of . the . earth: and the strength of the . hills . is . his . . . also.
- 5. C. The sea is his . and . he . made it: and his hands pre- . pa- . red . the . dry . land.

(Invitation and reason repeated.)

- 6. D.C. O come let us worship . and . fall . down : and kneel be- . fore . the . Lord . our . Maker.
- 7. D.C. For he is the . Lord, . our . God: and we are the people of his pasture . and . the . sheep . of his . hand.

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(Caution. See Ecclesiastes, chap. v. vers. 1. 2.)

- 8. D. To-day if ye will hear his voice harden . not . your . hearts : as in the provocation and as in the day of tempt- . a- . tion . in . the . wilder-
- 9. C. When your fathers . tempt . ed . me : proved . me . and . saw . my . works.
- 10. D. Forty years long was I grieved with this gene- . ration . and . said: It is a people that do err in their hearts for they. have. not. known. my . ways.
- 11. C. Unto whom I sware . in . my . wrath : that they should not . enter in . to . my . rest.
- D.C. Glory be to the Father and . to . the . Son : and † . to . the . Ho-. ly . Ghost: ‡

As it was in the beginning is now and . ev- . er . shall be : world † . with- . out . end . . A . men.

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D.C. Glory be to the Father &c. as before.

[‡] See Rule 11. † See Rule 12.

TE DEUM.

1. D.C. We praise thee O. God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

2. C. All the earth doth . wor- . ship . Thee : the † . Fa- . ther . ev- . er . lasting .

3. D. To Thee all Angels . cry . a-. loud : the Heavens and . all . the . pow'rs . there . in.
4. C. To thee Cherubin and Se-. ra-. phin : con-. tinu-. al-. ly . do . cry.

5. D.C. Holy . Ho- . ly . Holy : Lord . God . of . Sa- . ba- . oth :

6. D.C. Heaven and Earth are full. of . the . majesty: of thy . Glory.

† See R. 12.

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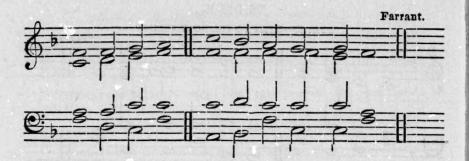
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- 8. C. The goodly fellowship . of . the . Prophets : D.C. praise . . . Thee.
- 9. D. The noble . army . of . Martyrs : D.C. praise Thee.
- 10. C. The holy Church throughout . all . the . world : doth . . . ac- . know- . ledge . Thee;
 - 11. D. The † . Fa- ther : of an . infi- . nite . ma- . jesty;
 - 12. C. Thine † . honor-. able . true : and †. on-...... ly . Son ;
 - 13. D. Also the . Ho- . ly . Ghost : the † . Com- fort- . er.

PART II.—HYMN TO THE ETERNAL SON, OUR LORD.



† See R. 12.





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(His nature.)

14. D.C. Thou art the . King . of . Glory : O Christ.

15. D.C. Thou art the ever-. last-. ing. Son: of.....the.

(His work on earth for us.)

16. C. When thou tookest upon Thee to de-. li-. ver man: thou didst not ab-. hor. the . Vir-. gin's . womb.

17. D. When thou hadst overcome the . sharpness . of . death : thou didst open the Kingdom of . Heav'n . to . all . be- . lievers.

(His present exaltation, and coming in glory.)

18. C. Thou sittest at the right . hand . of . God : in the . glo- . ry . of . the . Father.

19. D. We believe that . thou . shalt . come : to † . be . . . our . Judge.

[†] See R. 12.

(Our prayer to him, our Mediator.)



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20. C. We therefore pray Thee, help. thy. servants: whom thou hast redeemed. with. thy. pre-. cious. blood.

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- 21. D. Make them to be numbered . with . thy . Saints : in † . glo-.ry . ev-.er-.lasting.
- 22. C. O Lord. save. thy. people: and † . bless. thine. he-.ri-.tage.
 - 23. D. Go-... vern . them : and † . lift . them . up . for . ever.

(Incidental profession.)

24. D.C. Day . . . by . day : we † . mag- . ni- . fy . . . Thee;

25. D.C. And we . worship . thy . name: ever . world . . . with- . out · end.

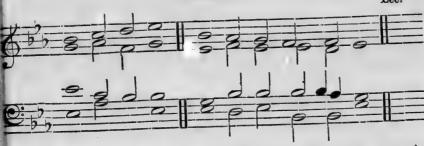
(Prayer resumed.)

- 26. C. Vouch † . safe, . O . Lord : to keep us . this . day . with- . out . sin.
- 27. D. O Lord have mercy up- on us: have † . mer- cy up- on us.
- 28. C. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten . up-. on us: as † . our . trust . is . in . Thee.
- 29. D.C. O Lord in Thee . have . I . trusted : let me . ne- . ver . be . of con- . founded.

[†] See R. 12.

BENEDICTUS.

(Zacharias' song of thanksgiving, for the coming of the long promised Deliverer.) Lee.



Blessed be the Lord . God . of . Israel : for he hath visited . in † . glo-.ry . and . re - . deemed . his . people ; ‡

2. D. And hath raised up a mighty sal-. va-. tion . for us: in the house . of . his . ser- . vant . David; ‡

3. C. As he spake by the mouth of his . ho- . ly . Prophets : which have been . since . the . world . be- . gan; ‡

4. D. That we should be saved . from . our . enemies : and from the . hands . of . all . that . hate us; ‡

5. C. To perform the mercy promised to . our . fore- . fathers : and to re- . member . his . ho- . ly . covenant ; ‡

6. D. To perform the oath which he sware to our fore-. fa-. ther. Abraham: that † . he . . . would . give . us; ‡

7. C. That we being delivered out of the hand . of . our . enemies : might . serve . him . with- . out . fear; ‡

8. D. In holiness and righteous-. ness. be-. fore him: all the. days...

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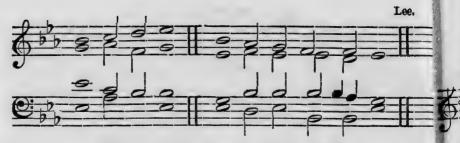
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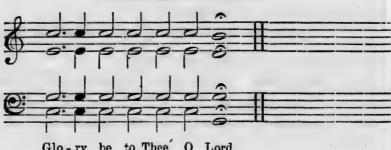
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(The office and work of the Baptist foreshewn.)

- 9. C. And thou Child shalt be called the Prophet . of . the . Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord. to . pre- . pare . his . ways ; ‡
- 10. D. To give knowledge of salvation un-. to . his . people : for the re-. miss-. ion . of . their . sins, ‡
- 11. C. Through the tender mercy . of . our . God : whereby the dayspring from on . high . hath . visit- . ed . us; ‡
- 12. D. To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the . shadow . of . death : and to guide our feet in- . to . the . way . of . peace.
 - D.C. Glory be to the Father &c. as before.

DOXOLOGY BEFORE THE GOSPEL.



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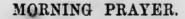


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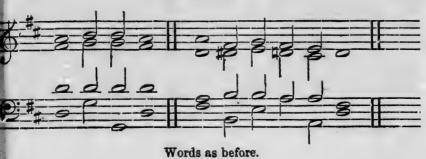
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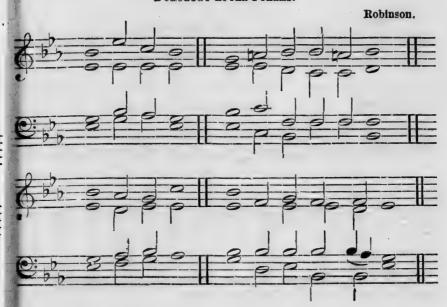


Second arrangement: - Second Sunday of the Month.

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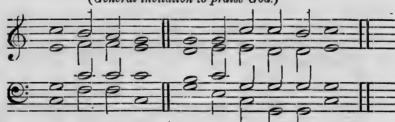
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Words and arrangement as before; except that the concluding versionable sung to the 1st of the three chants.

JUBILATE.

(General invitation to praise God.)



1. D.C. O be joyful in the Lord . all . ye . lands : serve the Lord with cladness and come before his . pre- . sence . with . a . song.

2. D. Be ye sure that the Lord . he . is . God : it is he that hath made is . and . not . we . our- . selves;

3. C. We are his people; and the sheep ... of his pasture.
4. D. O go your way into his gates with thanks-giving; and. in- . to . his . courts . with . praise;

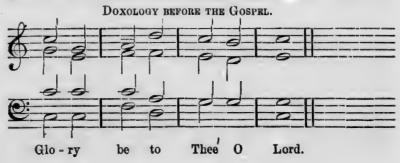
5. C. Be thankful . un- . to . him : and . speak . good . of . his . name.

6. D. For the Lord is gracious his mercy is . e- . ver- . lasting : and his truth endureth from gene- . ration . to . ge- . ne- . ration.

D.C. Glory be to the Father &c. as before.

2. Be ye sure that the Lord . he . is . God : it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves we are his people and the . sheep . . . of . his . pasture.

3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his . courts . vith . praise : be thankful unto him and . speak . good . of . his . name.





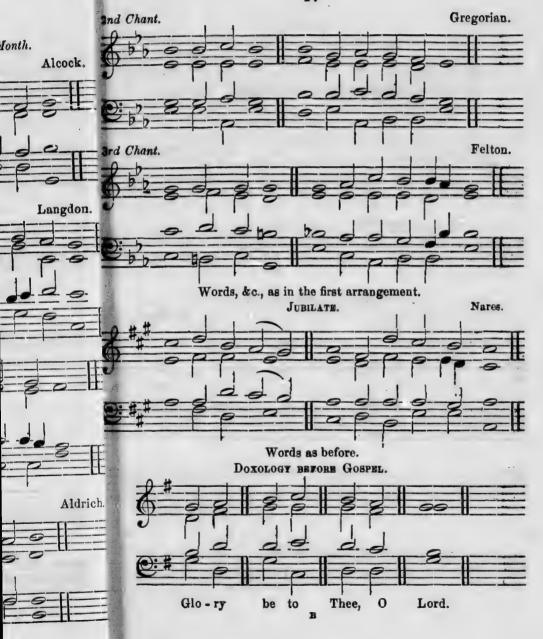


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MORNING PRAYER.

Third arrangement: - Third Sunday of the Month.

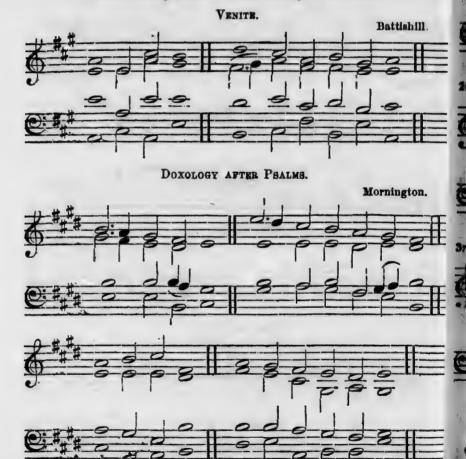


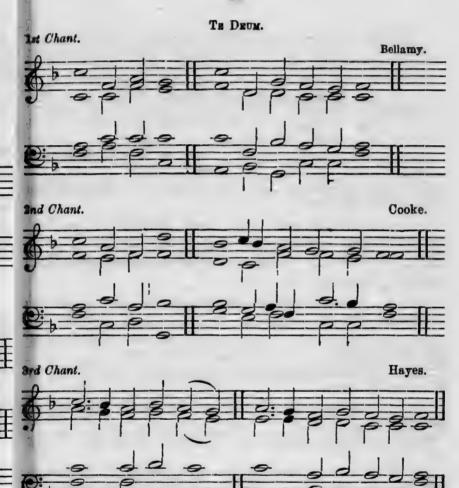


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Fourth arrangement :- Fourth Sunday in the month.





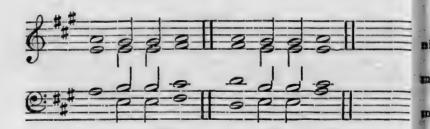
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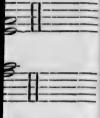
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(See the Song of the Three Children, in the Apocrypha, and compare Daniel, c. I. v. 6. 7. and III. 12.)



- 1. D.C. O all ye Works of the Lord . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 2. C. O ye Angels of the Lord . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 3. D. O ye Heavens . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . m him . for . ever.
- 4. C. O ye Waters that be above the Firmament. bless. ye the . Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 5. D. O all ye Power of the Lord . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 6. C. O ye Sun and Moon. bless. ye the. Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 7. D. O ye Stars of Heaven . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 8. C. O ye Showers and Dew. bless. ye the Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 9. D. O ye winds of God bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 10. C. O ye Fire and Heat. bless. ye the . Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 11. D. O ye Winter and Summer. bless. ye the . Lord: praise him and magnity. him. for. ever.
- 12. C. O ye Dews and Frosts'. bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 13. D. O ye Frost and Cold. bless . ye the . Lord: praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.



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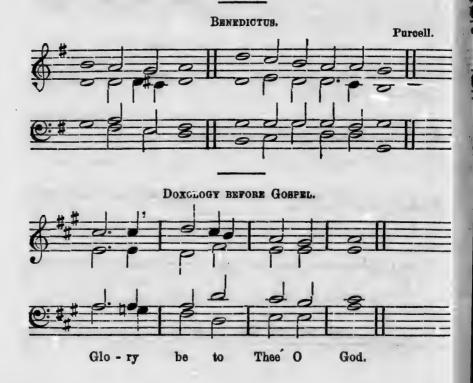
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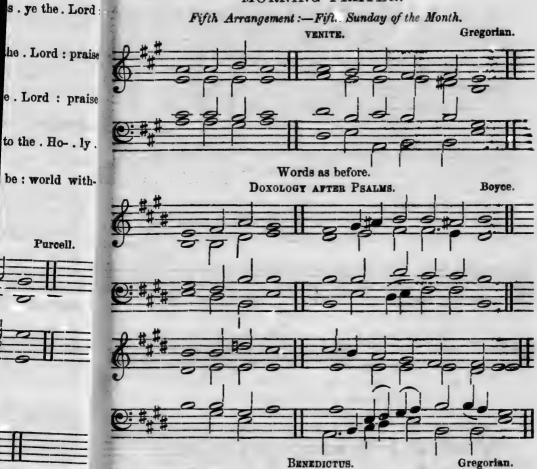
- 14. C. O ye Ice and Snow . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 15. D. O ye Nights and Days . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify , him , for , ever.
- 16. C. O ye Light and Darkness , bless , ye the , Lord : praise him and magnify , him . for , ever.
- 17. D. O ye Lightnings and Clouds . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 18. C. O let the Earth . bless . the . Lord : yea let it praise him and : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
- 19. D. O ye Mountains and Hills . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and m and magnify magnify . him . for . ever.
 - 20. C. O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless, ye the Lord: praise him and magnify . bim . for . ever.
 - 21. D. O ye Wells . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify .
 - 22. C. O ye Seas and Floods bless ye the Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
 - 23. D. O ye Whales and all that move in the Waters, bless, ye the. Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for , ever.
 - 24. C. O all ye Fowls of the Air . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify him , for , ever.
 - 25. D. O all ye Beasts and Cattle . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
 - 26. D.C. O ye Children of Men . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
 - 27. D.C. O let Israel . bless . the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.
 - 28. C. O ye Priests of the Lord . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify , him . for . ever.
 - 29. D. O ye Servants of the Lord . bless . ye the . Lord : praise him and magnify . him . for . ever.

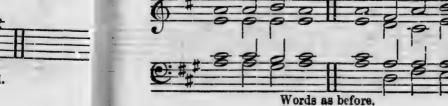
- 30. C. O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous. bless. ye the. Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 31. D. O ye holy and humble Men of heart. bless. ye the. Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- 32. C. O Ananias Azarias and Misael bless. ye the Lord: praise him and magnify. him. for. ever.
- D.C. Glory be to the Father and . to . the . Son : and to the . Ho- . ly . Ghost;

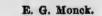
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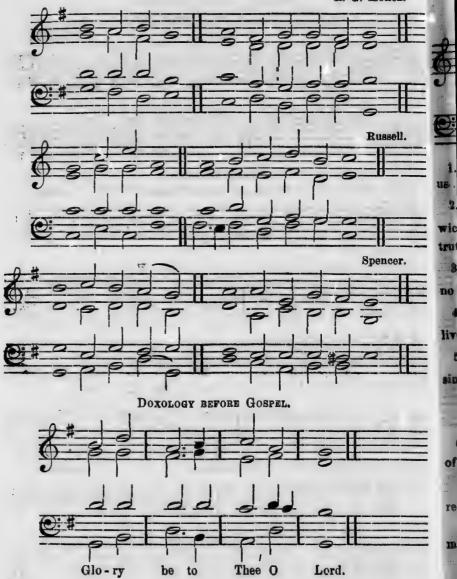


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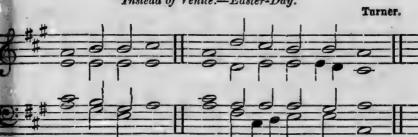






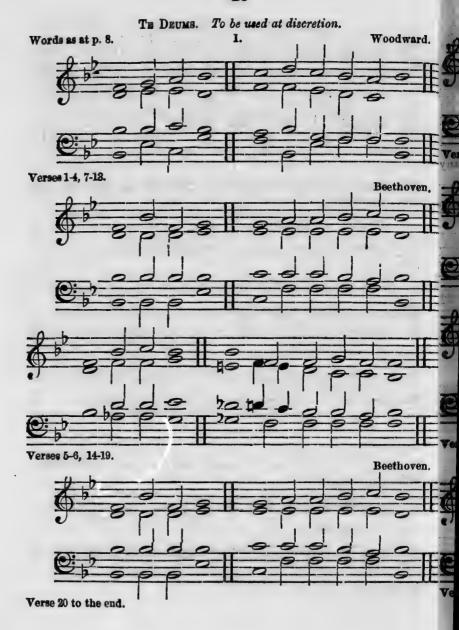


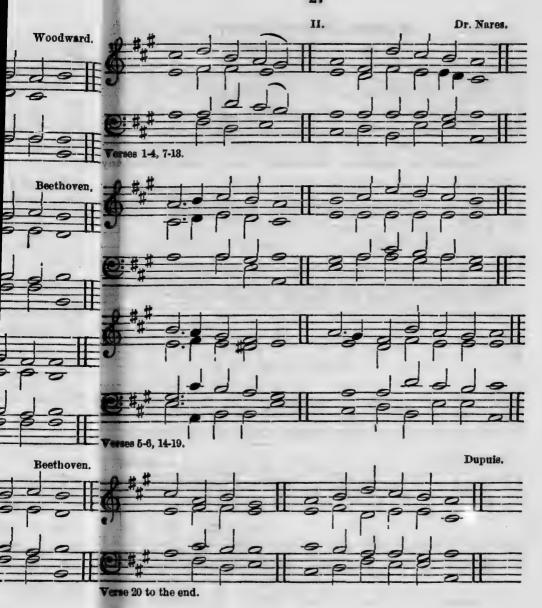
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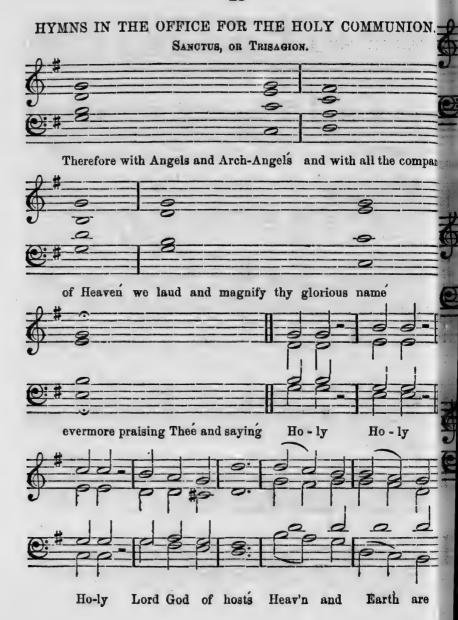


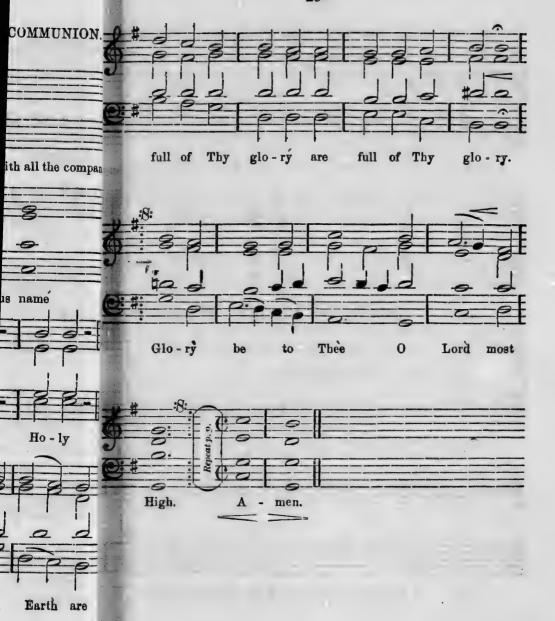
- 1. D.C. Christ our Passover is . sacri- . ficed . for us : therefore . let . us . keep . the . feast;
- 2. D. Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of . malice , and , wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sin-. ce-. ri-. ty . and . truth.
- 3. C. Christ being raised from the dead . dieth . no . more : death hath no more do-, mi-, nion, o-, ver, him.
- 4. D. For in that he died be died un-. to . sin . once: but in that he liveth he . liv- . eth . un- . to . God.
- 5. C. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed . un- . to . sin : but alive unto God through . Je- . sus . Christ . our . Lord.
- 6. D. Christ is risen . from . the . dead : and become the first . fruits . of them . that . slept.
- 1. C. For since by . man . came . death : by man came also the resur- . rect- . ion . of . the . dead.
- 8. D. For as in . Adam . all . die : even so in Christ shall . all . . be made . a- . live.

Glory be to the Father &c. as before.

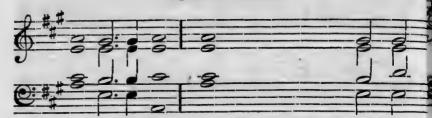








GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.



Glory be to God on high and in earth peace good will towards



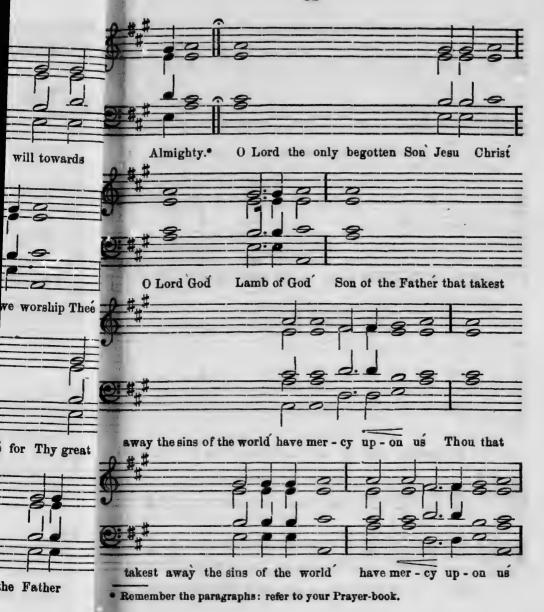
men. We praise Thee we bless Thee we worship Thee

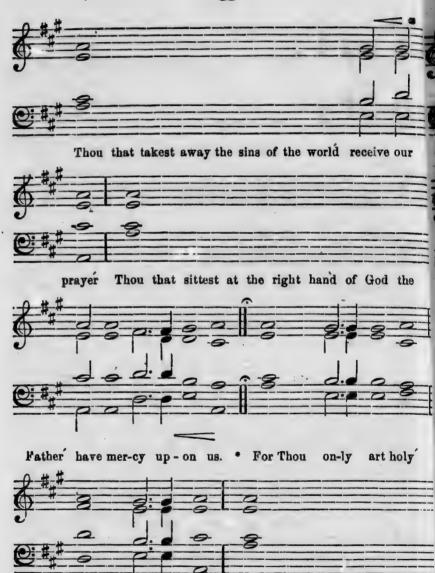


We glorify Thee we give thanks to Thee for Thy great



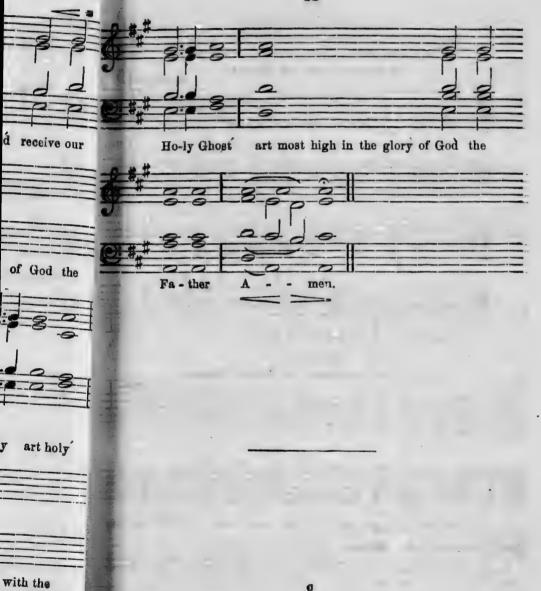
glorý O Lord God heavenly King God the Father



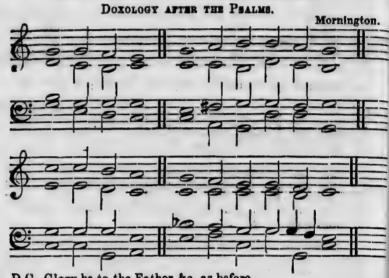


Thou only art the Lord

Thou only O Christ with the



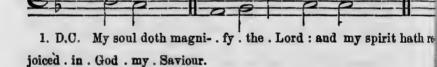
First arrangement .- First Sunday in the Month.



D.C. Glory be to the Father &c. as before.

MAGNIFICAT.





- 2. D. For he . hath . re-. garded : the lowli-. ness . of . his . hand maiden.
- 3. C. For behold . from . hence- . forth : all gene- . rations . shall call . me . blessed.

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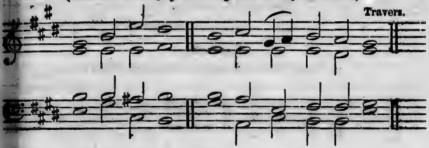
- D. For he that is mighty hath . mag-. nl-. fled me : and † . ho-. ly is . his . name.
- 6. C. And his mercy is on . them . that . fear him : through- † . out . all . ge- . ne- . rations.
- D. He had showed strength . with . his . arm : he hath scattered the grand in the imagi- , na- . tion . of . their . hearts.
- . C. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath ex-,
- D. He hath filled the hungry . with . good . things : and the rick he .
- 9. C. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his . ser- . vant . Israel :

 The promised to our forefathers Abraham . and . his . seed . for . ever.

 D.C. Clory be to the Father &c, as before.

NUNC DIMITTIS.

(Simeon's devout joy at having seen the infant JESUS.)



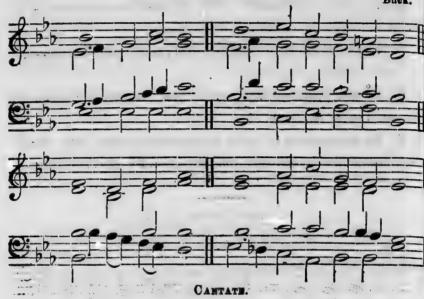
- 1. D.C. Lord now lettest then thy servant de-. part . in . peace : 4c-. † ard-. ing . to . thy . word.
 - 4. C. For mine . eyes . have . seen : thy sal- . vation.
- 8. D. Which thou . hast . pre- . pared : before the . face . of . all . people.
 - 4. C. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory. . thy peo. ple Israel.
 - D.C. Glory be to the Father &c.

See R. 12.

Second arrangement .- Second Sunday in the Month.

DOXOLOGY AFTER PSALMS.

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(A psalm of Thanksgiving for victory: foreshews Christ's coming.)



(Commemoration of the glorious acts of God.)

- 1. D.C. O sing unto the Lord a . new . . . song : for he . hath . done . marvel . lous . things.
- 2. D. With his own right hand and with his . ho-.ly . arm : hath be gotten . him-, self . the . victory.

Month.

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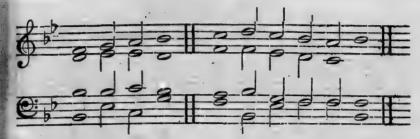


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- 8. C. The Lord declared . his . sal- . vation : his righteousness hath he only shewed in the . sight . of the . heathen.
- D. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of level: and all the ends of the world have seen the sal-.va-.tion.of God.

(General exhortation to thankfulness.)

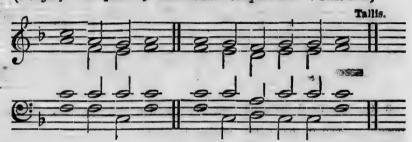
- 5. C. Show yourselves jayful unto the Lord. all. ye. lands: sing re-.
- 6. D. Praise the Lord up . on . the . harp : sing to the harp . with .a.
- 7. C. With trumpets. also. and. shawms: O show yourselves joyful. . fore. the. Lord. the. King.
- 8. D. Let the sea make a noise and all that, there. in is: the round world and they that dwell there in.

(Christ's comings, past and future.)

- 9. C. Let the floods clap their hands and let the hills be joyful together. fore . the . Lord : for he . cometh . to . judge . the . earth.
- 10. D. With righteousness shall he . judge . the . world : and the . corle . with . c- . qui- . ty.
- D.G. Glory be to the Father &c.

DEUS MISEREATUR.

(Prayer for the spread of God's truth: compare also 1, Tim. 4. 8.)



- 1. D.C. God be merciful unto . us . and . bless us : and show us the light of his countenance and be . merci- . ful . un- . to . us :
- 2. C. That thy way be known . up-. on . earth : thy saving . health a-. mong . all . nations.
- 3. D. Let the people praise. Thee. O. God: yealet.all.the.peo-.ple.praise Thee.
- 4. C. O let the nations rejoice and . be . glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously and govern the . na- . tions up- . on . earth.
- 5. D. Let the people praise Thee . O . God : yea let . all . the . peo-. ple . praise Thee.
- 6. C. Then shall the earth bring . forth . her . increase : and God even our own God shall . give . us . his . blessing.
- 7. D. God . shall . bless . us : and all the ends . of . the . world . shall . fear him.

Glory be to the Father &c, as before.

Third arrangement .- Third Sunday of the Month.



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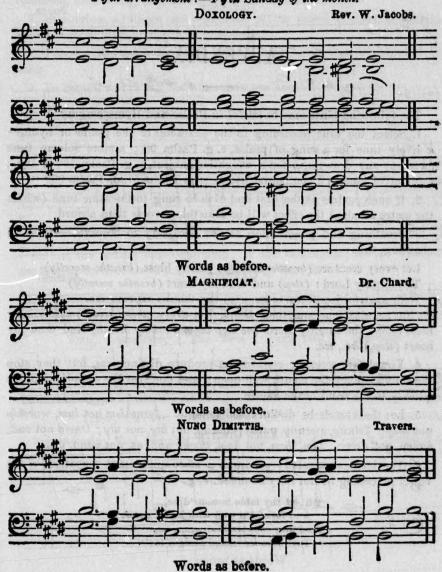
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Fifth arrangement :- Fifth Sunday of the month.



APPENDIX.

The following hints may be useful in Psalm and Hymn singing.

1. Select the tune according to the character of the psalm or hymnalively tune for a song of praise, e. g. Psalm 98.; a more solemn tune (without any drawling,) for a weightier subject, e. g. Psalm 100 or 150.; a plaintive tune to a penitential psalm, e. g. Psalm 51, or Psalm 90.

2. If such psalms as the 51st and 67th be sung to the same tune (which the metre admits,) the effect will be something worse than absurd.

3. Breathing and punctuation are as necessary to observe here, as in chanting, thus:

Let every creature (breathe secretly) jointly bless (breathe secretly)
The mighty Lord: (stop) and thou my heart (breathe secretly)

With grateful joy (breathe secretly) thy thanks express, &c.

(Not as, alas! one sometimes hears, Let every crea- (breath) ture jointly bless (stop) the mighty Lord (no stop beyond taking breath) and thou my heart (stop,) &c., &c.

- 4. Vowels are sounds: consonants produce distinctness, but they stop the sound. Keep the mouth well open; and don't let the sounds come too quickly to the front of the mouth.
- 5. Let the vowels be distinct and definite. Jerusalem not lum, worship not shup; Trinity, eternity, purity, charity, not aty, nor uty; David not vud; serene, not sireen; him, them, not hum, thum; and, as, not yand, yas.
- 6. The letter s especially produces a most unpleasant sensation, if the vowel preceding be not fully sounded. e. g.

Oh! let thy table honour'd be, And furnish'd well with joyful guests? And may each soul salvation see, That here its sacred pledges tasts. Sing these verses pronouncing the vowels or diphthongs in the syllables italicised, first briefly, and then fully, and note the difference.

- 7. In singing, a fulness and roundness of the vowel is often desirable; which in mere reading would be unnecessary.
- 8. Practice the music in strict time, a little faster than it ought to be sung.
 - 9. Be careful not to tail the notes into one another, sing so:

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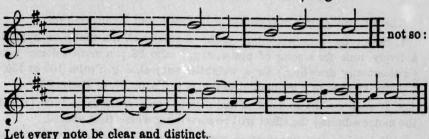
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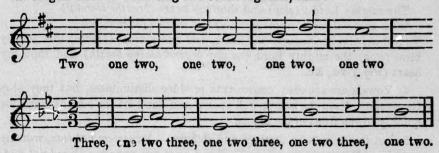
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10. Let the Leader count the time. If the tune drags, let the whole of the singers once or twice sing and count together, thus:



Remembering that the first note of every bar ought to be accented or emphasised.